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# HOLDRIDGE'S CATALOGUE 1945

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A GUIDE TO  
BETTER BERRIES

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S. E. HOLDRIDGE & SONS

Ledyard, Connecticut

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Connecticut State Grange

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## **BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS**

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### **LOCATION**

Visitors are always welcome at our farm. Many of our customers call each year at our farm for their plants and trees.

We are located on the Colonel Ledyard Highway in the town of Ledyard, about 5 miles from the city of Norwich. To arrive at our farm from Norwich, take Route 2 out of Norwich, which is the road to Westerly. About 3 miles out of Norwich, turn on the first road to the right. After passing through the village of Hallville, you continue to a little white church on the left. Turn sharp left and drive about 1½ miles on the Colonel Ledyard Highway. Look for the Holdridge Farm sign.

### **FREE OF RED STELE**

We are happy to report to you that there is absolutely no Red Stele disease on the strawberry plants on our farm.

We have had our beds carefully examined this last summer by a number of strawberry specialists who did not find any traces of this new and serious strawberry disease.

Red Steele has been brought into Connecticut in serious proportion during the last three years from plant farms in Delaware and Maryland. Once introduced it spreads rapidly and many patches have been completely destroyed. Once introduced, it stays in the soil for 2 to 3 years.

We understand that we are one of a very few plant farms who can claim to be totally free from Red Stele. Why take chances on other plants when you can be sure of these?

### **C. O. D. SHIPMENTS**

If you desire we can ship your order C. O. D. However, on these shipments the C. O. D. charge will be added to the price of the plants. If you send cash with order it will save us bookkeeping and we will be grateful.

### **SHIPPING**

Please give instructions in your order how we should ship. If no instructions are given, we will ship as is best in our judgment. Remember, trees must go by express.

We will ship as near as possible to the date which you ask for but can not guarantee shipment on exact dates requested because of weather conditions and possible shortages of labor.

### **TERMS**

Orders may be booked at any time. If you are not ready to send full remittance now, send part payment and the balance before shipping. Remit in any way most convenient to you.

Under no circumstances will we ship plants until they have been paid for.

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THE LATE S. E. HOLDRIDGE  
Founder



PAUL HOLDRIDGE  
Manager

## 1945 GREETING

To our Friends and Customers:

Here is our catalogue of plants, trees and vines for 1945. We hope you will read it carefully, so that you will know how best we may serve you.

In 1945, we have many problems to solve if your orders are to be delivered promptly and well. Due to the dry weather last summer and the shortage of help, we do not have as many plants for this spring's sales as we have had in the past.

This spring with little regular help and the scarcity of part-time help—which is needed to dig, trim, and pack your plants, we will probably find it impossible to fill all orders just when you want them.

We were sorry last year that hundreds of orders had to be returned because we had sold out of plants. We expect that because of the high price of berries last year and the dry summer, plants will probably be just as scarce this spring and we will have to return many late orders.

We will pledge this to our customers—that we will strive to our full extent to fill your orders promptly and with the same high quality of plants and trees as always.

Will you help us by doing the following:

1—Order for early delivery or for delivery at our convenience.

2—Send full payment with order.

3—Allow us to substitute varieties. (Many orders were sent back last year when other equally good varieties were still available.)

4—When writing about a previous order write in the order number and date of order.

If you will help us by doing these simple things, we can serve you better and give you this healthy New England grown stock that produces best in this part of the country.

Sincerely,

PAUL HOLDRIDGE,

For S. E. Holdridge & Sons.



## GRADING AND PACKING

We do not carry plants in stock. Our plants are freshly dug each day. Dug with a fork, carried to the packing shed—trimmed under cover with no exposure from sun or wind, tied into bunches of 25 with good count. Counters are advised to throw out small and inferior plants. They are then packed in live moss which we are fortunate to have growing on our farm. They are usually shipped within 24 hours after they are dug.

## VARIETIES

We grow only a few varieties of strawberries but these are the varieties which we have found will do the best under average conditions here in Connecticut. These varieties will give better yields, better berries and better satisfaction to you when the fruiting season arrives than other varieties which may be better suited to warmer climates.

We do not believe in raising too many varieties. Unless a variety is best for certain conditions, we discard it for the better varieties.

Almost all the varieties of berry plants we raise have been tried at the Mount Carmel Experiment Station and have been approved for Connecticut conditions.

The varieties of raspberry plants, grapevines and fruit trees are also approved varieties.

## PRICES

Our prices are as low as it is possible for us to quote for good plants, vines and trees. You will note that our prices are quoted delivered to your post office or express office (except as noted) anywhere in New England.

## SHIPPING SEASON

We start to ship plants just as early as the frost is out of the ground, or from the 1st to the 10th of April. We ship plants continuously until June 1. We recommend setting plants in April if possible.

*Absolutely no plants shipped after June 1. We do not ship at any time in the fall.*

## FREE DELIVERY

This means a good deal to the purchaser. The prices in this catalogue include free delivery to your door or express office anywhere, unless otherwise noted. The option will be ours how we shall ship.

When comparing our prices with those of other concerns, please consider that our plants are quoted postpaid, while most concerns quote prices F. O. B.

## OUR GUARANTEE

Plants sent out from this farm will be true-to-name, free from any disease, properly trimmed, bunched, packed and labeled, and will reach their destination nearly as fresh as when dug.

Any plants which arrive in poor condition will be replaced if we are notified within 5 days. What honest grower could do more?

## EARLY VARIETIES

**HOWARD NO. 17 (Special Strain) (Perfect)**—This is our leading variety of strawberries. There are more Howard 17 raised in New England than all other varieties put together. The Howard 17 is the standard by which all other strawberry varieties are judged. We consider it to be the best all-purpose berry for the main crop. Under almost any condition it will produce a very large crop of berries. Yields may vary slightly with wet or dry season but it will produce plenty of berries.

Our strain of Howard is practically frost-proof and therefore it ripens the earliest of all. We have often been the first grower to carry berries into the local market. At the start, the Howard produces large, luscious berries, many of which are double. The Howard will usually produce berries, for about 4 weeks, the berries growing slightly smaller toward the end of the season. The late berries still maintain their bright color and sweet flavor.

For a number of years we have taken our plants for re-setting from the best sections of our beds. Now we have a strain of plants which have proven to us that they will produce a tremendous crop of berries.

If you have never grown strawberries before, we recommend Howard No. 17 to you. For commercial growers, we recommend that the largest portion of your plants be of this variety.

Prices: 25 for 75c; 50 for \$1.25; 100 for \$2.00; 500 for \$9.00; 1,000 for \$15.00.

*Recommended for All Growers.*

**PATHFINDER (Perfect)**—This is a newer variety of strawberry which has outyielded the Howard 17 on some occasions. It is very early, about the same season as Howard. It is a somewhat rounder berry inclined to have whitish center. Try some of these on your own land. It surely looks like a fine berry for commercial growers.

Prices: Same as Howard No. 17.

*Recommended for All Growers.*

**DRESDEN (Perfect)**—This is a newer variety of quite some promise. This variety has the ability to produce a tremendous crop of berries but requires a very rich soil to do it. We do not recommend planting too many of these until you have tried it and know what it will do for you under your own conditions.

Prices: Same as Howard No. 17.

*Recommended for All Growers.*

**BRISTOL (Perfect)**—We have a small number of this new variety for sale this year. It is a creation of the Connecticut Experiment Station at Mount Carmel. We cannot tell you very much about this berry but all the new varieties released from the Experiment Station have been worthy of a trial on your farm. Only a few available this year.

Prices: 25 for 75c; 50 for \$1.25; 100 for \$2.00.

*Recommended for Home Gardeners.*

## EARLY VARIETIES

**DORSETT (Perfect)**—The Dorsett strawberry is one of the finest quality berries that we have ever raised. It starts bearing just a few days later than Howard 17 but usually bears over a shorter period than Howard. It makes, year after year, a wider row of plants than any other variety which we have ever raised. The plants are large and stand well up off the ground.

We recommend this berry especially for home gardeners who are after a quality berry.

For this year we have a fairly large number of fine looking plants. You will make no mistake to order some of this variety.

Prices: Same as Howard No. 17.

*Recommended for Home Gardeners.*

**SHELTON (Perfect)** — This is one of the new and outstanding berries. It is a product of our Connecticut Experiment Station.

It is a very good producer. We received a yield last year which compared well with the Howard 17. It is a bright red, long, pointed berry. It will hold its bright color and attractiveness longer than most other berries.

The season is approximately the same as Howard 17, starting to produce very early and producing throughout most of the berry season.

It is a very nice plantmaker. We have a nice supply of Shelton plants this year. We advise everyone to try this new and outstanding Connecticut product.

Prices: Same as Howard No. 17.

*Recommended for All Growers.*

**BRANFORD (Perfect)**—This is another of the new varieties originated at the Experiment Station at Mount Carmel. It has produced some tremendous yields for some growers in the Branford section of the State. It is unusually light in color, fine for jams and preserves.

Prices: 25 for 75c; 50 for \$1.25; 100 for \$2.00.

## MID-SEASON VARIETIES

**CATSKILL (Perfect)**—This is a very large, glossy mid-season berry which makes a very fancy appearance. It usually bears its fruit in a comparatively short season.

We find that it is a poor plantmaker unless it is grown on soil which is suited for it. We have a short supply this year. Please tell us if we can substitute.

Prices: Same as Howard 17.

*Recommended for very rich soils.*



## MID-SEASON VARIETIES

**FAIRFAX (Perfect)** — The Fairfax variety is very large and dark red in color and has a very delicious flavor.

With us it does not make as good a row of plants as our other varieties nor does it yield the quantity of berries that the Howard does. However, with plenty of water or on fairly damp soils, it will produce more plants.

The fruiting season begins about a week after Howard.

Prices: Same as Howard No. 17.

*Recommended for Home Gardeners with Heavy Soil.*

**ABERDEEN (Perfect)** — This variety seems to be a fine running mate for Howard No. 17. It is somewhat later than the early berries and produces a large very bright berry until late in the season. It is a prolific plant-maker with clean, healthy foliage standing well off the ground. We have tried it on different soils and wherever planted seems to be at home.

I have seen this variety planted on fairly heavy soil. It was bearing very large, bright berries well after most berries were gone. It seems to give quality berries after Howard No. 17 and Dorsett have gone by.

Prices: Same as Howard 17.

*Recommended for Home Gardeners.*

## LATE VARIETIES

**HEBRON (Perfect)** — This is another of the new varieties originated by Dr. Jones at the New Haven Experiment Station.

It produces a long, pointed berry with a very green husk. It commences to yield fairly late in the season and produces a very fine crop. It has been the first late berry which has satisfied us for yields. Although this variety is not as late as the Pearl variety which we have sold for years as our standard late berry, it produces a better quality berry and a much greater yield. Therefore, we are recommending this year that you plant Hebron for late berries.

This variety has produced fine wide rows for us. We have for this spring's sales a fine lot of nice plants. We think you will be pleased with them.

Prices: Same as Howard No. 17.

*Recommended for All Growers.*

## EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

**GEM (Perfect)** — We have found that the Gem everbearer will produce more plants and berries here on our farm than any other everbearing variety. If you want berries in September and October, plant a few of this variety.

It is best with the everbearers to keep the blossoms picked off until about July 1st or 15th. This gives the plant a chance to grow in size and be ready to produce more berries.

Contrary to the impression you may get from some catalogues, we find that the everbearing plants will not produce as many berries the next June as the regular June-bearing varieties.

We have only a few of these for this spring's sales. Be sure to state if you wish substitutes if we are sold out.

Price: 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.00. Not more than 50 to a customer.

*Recommended only as a novelty.*

## ASPARAGUS PLANTS

**MARY WASHINGTON VARIETY**—We have some very large and fine asparagus plants for this spring's sales. These plants were grown here on our own farm and were fertilized heavily with both commercial and chicken manure.

Home-grown asparagus is one of the easiest to grow and yet one of the most delicious treats available to the small gardener. Cut fresh in your own garden, it is unexcelled in flavor and quality. Start now to have a bed of your own.

Our two-year plants, if heavily fertilized in your garden, will produce some asparagus for you the next spring. The second spring, you can cut it for about one month and after that, if you continue heavy fertilization, you can cut it up to the 1st of July each year. A bed, once started, will last as long as you take care of it.

The Mary Washington variety is generally recognized as the outstanding yielder of all varieties of asparagus and more rust resistant than other varieties.

Price: 1-year plants, 25 for 75c; 50 for \$1.50; 100 for \$2.50.

2-year plants, 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.75; 100 for \$3.00; 500 for \$12.50; 1,000 for \$20.00.

### CULTURE

The roots should be planted in early spring, just as early as you can work the land. They should be set in furrows 5 to 7 inches deep with the roots spread out somewhat in the furrow. A good practice is to open the furrow 8 to 12 inches, apply a liberal amount of well-rotted stable manure, well mixed with the soil filling the furrow to 5 to 7 inches deep before the roots are set. They should be covered with about 3 inches of soil until the young shoots start to come through. Then the furrows should be gradually filled in as the young plants grow, until the ground is level. In the garden, set in rows 3½ feet apart, with roots 12 to 15 inches apart in the row; in large commercial plantings rows 4 to 5 feet apart are generally used. Asparagus needs good cultivation, with plenty of manure and fertilizer.

## ROSE BUSHES

We have the following varieties of 2-year field-grown bush roses. They come packed in boxes.

Etoile De Hollande  
Luxembourg Yellow  
President Hoover  
Red Radiance

Pink Radiance  
Talisman  
K. A. Victoria  
Ami Quinard

Price: 90 cents each.

## GLADIOLI

Here is a chance to get an assortment of glads at a reasonable cost. All colors. Large-sized bulbs. Order early.

Prices: 12 for 50c; 25 for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.75.

## RED RASPBERRIES

**CHIEF (Early Red)**—This is the leading early variety of red raspberries. It makes a nice stand of plants and gives a good yield of medium sized berries. Be sure to include some in your order.

**MARCY (Red)**—This is a new variety and is an early to mid-season berry. It is of good quality, very vigorous and productive. These plants are from a bed certified disease-free by the Connecticut Experiment Station.

**NEWBURG (Red)**—This is a very fine mid-season berry. The berry is large, firm and a fine keeper and shipper. It produces a good crop of berries starting a few days after Marcy.

**LATHAM (Mid-season)**—The fine old standard mid-season berries which folks have liked so well. It bears well under most any condition and is good for commercial or home gardeners. We have a very short supply available. Be sure to tell us if we can substitute.

**TAYLOR (Red)**—This is a mid-season to late raspberry. The berries are extra large and will stand up after picking as well as any red raspberry.

**ST. REGIS (Everbearing)**—Now you can get berries over a much longer season. It starts to fruit with the regular varieties and will continue until late summer. The berry is of fine quality. Every home gardener should include a few.

Prices on all Raspberry Plants: 12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00; 50 for \$4.00; 100 for \$7.50.

## BLACK RASPBERRIES

**CUMBERLAND**—This variety yields well under most any condition. It has a glossy black berry of excellent quality and bears in midsummer. Black raspberries are gaining in popularity. They can be raised at less cost than the red varieties and stand on the vines a long time without becoming soft.

Prices: Same as Red Raspberries.

### RASPBERRY CULTURE

Plant 2 or 3 feet apart with rows 4 to 6 feet apart. Prune slightly before planting. Most of our plants can be planted without additional pruning. Each year, shortly after fruit is picked, cut out all old growth at the ground and later cut off new growth at about 3 feet high. Four to six strong canes or branches make the best plant.

## BLACKBERRIES

Blackberries grow best on fertile loam. The rows should be six feet apart with each plant approximately two feet apart in the row.

**ELDORADO**—This is the sweetest of all blackberries. The berries are very large and bear in large clusters. The plants are very hardy.

Prices: Same as Raspberries.



## GRAPE VINES

### 2 YEAR No. 1

Every farm and garden should include a few grape vines. They take up very little room as they can be trained to go anywhere.

**CONCORD (Black)**—This is the old standard blue-black grape. It is very hardy and very productive.

Price: 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

**AGAWAM (Red)**—This is a large red grape with a rich flavor. Ripens in mid-season. It is very productive.

Price: 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

**NIAGARA (White)**—This is the most popular white grape. It has large bunches and ripens in mid-season.

Price: 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

## HORSE RADISH

We have for sale this year some horse radish root cuttings. These are a small size but will grow into the huge clumps which produce for you yearly.

Root cuttings: 12 for 35c; 25 for 60c; 50 for \$1.00.

## RHUBARB

**MYATTS LINNEAS**—This is one of the easiest fruits to grow. Once planted, it will last for many years. Plant in hills about 3 feet apart. This variety is large, tender, and yields abundantly.

Prices: 3 for 25c; 6 for 50c; 15 for \$1.00; 100 for \$6.00. Postpaid.

## FRUIT TREES

Fruit trees are quite scarce this year and we feel fortunate in being able to offer as large a variety as we have.

These trees are not propagated on our farm. We purchase these from a very reliable grower and they are surely fine looking trees. We guarantee these the same as our own plants.

We feel that when you compare these prices with those offered by various salesmen, you will find you can save quite a bit by ordering from us. We hope that if you want some trees, you will come to our farm any time after April 1 and pick out your trees and take them right along with you. When we are sold out, there will be no more available this year.

These trees are too large to be shipped by Parcel Post. These prices are for trees at our farm or shipped by express, not prepaid. All orders to be shipped must total at least \$2.00.

As trees are dormant, they will be shipped about April 1st or as soon after order is received as possible. If you are not ready to set out, place roots in water.

# FRUIT TREES

## PEACH TREES—1-Year

9/16-Inch Caliper — 4 to 5 Feet High

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Golden Jubilee—Very Early Yellow Freestone..           | } .90 cents<br>Each<br>Not Prepaid |
| Hale Haven—Early Yellow Freestone .....                |                                    |
| Belle of Georgia—White Freestone, Mid-season.          |                                    |
| Elberta—Standard Canning Peach, Yellow Freestone ..... |                                    |

## APPLE TREES—2-Year

9/16-Inch Caliper — 4 to 5 Feet High.

For best results plant other varieties with McIntosh and Greenings.

|                        |                                    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Baldwin .....          | } .90 cents<br>Each<br>Not Prepaid |
| McIntosh .....         |                                    |
| Yellow Delicious ..... |                                    |
| Cortland .....         |                                    |
| Red Astrachan .....    |                                    |
| R. I. Greening .....   |                                    |
| Fall Pippin .....      |                                    |
| Crab .....             |                                    |

## PEAR TREES—2-Year

11/16-Inch Caliper — 5 to 7 Feet High

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Clapp's Favorite—Large, Yellow August .....                     | } \$1.25<br>Each<br>Not Prepaid |
| Seckel—Small, Yellowish-Brown, Very Productive, September ..... |                                 |
| Bartlett—Best Canning Pear, September .....                     |                                 |
| Buerre Bosc—Brownish-Yellow, October .....                      |                                 |

## PLUM TREES—2-Year

9/16-Inch Caliper — 4 to 5 Feet High

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Abundance—Red, Yellow Flesh, Late July .....     | } \$1.25<br>Each<br>Not Prepaid |
| Burbank—Large, Reddish Purple, Late August ..... |                                 |
| Bradshaw—Violet Red, August .....                |                                 |
| Red June—Red, Yellow Flesh, Late July .....      |                                 |
| Stanley Prune—Bluish Purple, Late July .....     |                                 |

## SOUR CHERRY TREES—2-Year

11/16-Inch Caliper — 5 to 6 Feet High

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Montmorency—Best Pie Cherry ..... | \$1.25 each |
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# BLUEBERRIES

Cultivated Blueberries grow in large clusters, plump, tender and practically seedless. They will grow anywhere that strawberries will, doing their best on a moist acid soil fairly free from rocks. For pollination plant at least two varieties.

**CABOT (Early)**—4-year plants—18-24 inch.

**RANCOCAS (Mid-season)**—4-year plants—18-24 inch.

Price, \$1.50 each.

## EVERGREEN TREES

### CASH AND CARRY

For those of you who wish to beautify your homes, here is an opportunity to do so at a very reasonable cost. Buy just one or as many as you wish. You will get a great deal of enjoyment for every dollar spent for shrubbery.

These are all hardy New England grown trees and an ideal size for planting.

These trees all come with a big ball of earth. We cannot ship these trees so we can sell only to customers who can call for them at our place.

We have the following kinds for sale:

|                            | Height     |
|----------------------------|------------|
| American Arbor Vitae ..... | 30-36 inch |
| Norway Spruce .....        | 18-24 inch |
| Golden Arbor Vitae .....   | 18 inch    |
| Compactus Globe .....      | 15-18 inch |
| Plumosa Aura .....         | 24 inch    |
| Pusifera .....             | 18-24 inch |
| Hovey Globe .....          | 12-15 inch |
| Golden Plumosa .....       | 18 inch    |

Price: \$1.75 each; 3 for \$5.00.

## FLOWERING SHRUBS

We are offering for sale this year for the first time, a few of the most popular flowering shrubs. As we will have on hand only a few of each kind, please state if we shall substitute other shrubs if necessary. We offer the following for sale:

Spirea Van Houttei (Bridal Wreath)  
 Forsythia (Golden Bell)  
 Deutzia (Pink)  
 Weigela (Red)  
 Red Bush Honeysuckle  
 Cydonia Japonica (Evergreen Burning Bush)  
 Red O. Dogwood  
 Tamarix (Salt Cedar)

Price: 50c each.

## STRAWBERRY BOXES

We will have on hand during the shipping season some 1-quart strawberry boxes. These are best quality boxes, the same as we use ourselves. Plan to buy your berry boxes here when you get your plants.

Prices: 100 for \$1.00; 500 for \$4.75; 1,000 for \$9.00.

These will be shipped only in cartons of 500 by express, not prepaid.

## VEGETABLE PLANTS

We will have for sale this year at our farm, most varieties of vegetable plants. We will have on hand during their season lettuce, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and tomato plants.

These plants cannot be shipped and are for sale only to those who can come and get them at our farm. We will try to keep a variety of plants on hand at all times, but will not accept any advance orders.

We do not sell plants of any kind after June 1.



## S. E. HOLDRIDGE & SONS

## Norwich, Conn.

(Mail or Express)

If you do not answer we shall substitute if necessary.

Inspection . . . . .

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## REMARKS

Please write below the names and addresses of anyone you know who might be interested in, or buyers of, strawberry plants. We will mail them a copy of this catalogue.

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Northfield, Conn.  
We received our black raspberries (Cumberland) in fine condition and all are doing well. Thank you for sending them so promptly.

MRS. GEO. H. NICHOLSON.

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Mount Carmel, Conn.  
Strawberries arrived Tuesday. Many thanks for your promptness. The plants are very fine.

MRS. EDWIN W. FORREST.

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The plants are coming along fine.

Storrs, Conn.

R. J. GUYER.

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Mystic, Conn.  
I have had plants from you before and find perfect satisfaction.

MRS. B. F. CLYDE.

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Branford, Conn.  
I find I can use more asparagus plants. My previous order received in good order and time. Thank you.

FRANCIS V. REYNOLDS.

## **STRAWBERRY CULTURE**

### **Choosing the Land**

Almost any fertile land which is well drained will raise good strawberries. We advise against setting on greensward because of the presence of white grubs who relish the tender roots of strawberries. If possible, plant on land on which no lime has been spread for at least one year.

### **Fertilizing**

We recommend spreading your fertilizer broadcast on the ground after the land has been plowed and harrowed. Then harrow the fertilizer in. This places your fertilizer where it will be available to the new plants as they commence to run. Additional fertilizer may be added any time during the first year if needed. Do not fertilize your bed the spring that it is going to bear for the extra fertilizer will go into the leaves. Do not put lime on your strawberry bed at any time.

### **When To Plant**

Order your plants early and set them out early. If you order your plants early you will be sure of getting the varieties you want and you will get the plants when you want them. When your plants arrive, if you are not ready for setting out, take from box or package and put in cellar in a cool, dark place. If left in package they might heat. Wet roots before setting.

### **Setting Out Plants**

Strawberries may be spaced 15-18 inches apart in the rows, and rows 3 to 4 feet apart. Later in the season the plants should be set closer. In setting the plants, dig a hole large enough to enable you to spread the roots well. The plants should be set deep enough so that the roots are well covered, yet care should be taken that the tender heart is uncovered. Press the plant firmly into the ground.

### **Care of Bed**

The blossoms should be picked off the first year so that all the strength of the plant will go into the new runners. Of course, the strawberry bed must be hoed often enough during the summer to keep it free from weeds.

### **Mulching**

The bed should be covered during the early winter with a thin covering of straw, hay or meadow grass. Use whichever of these that is easier or cheaper for you to obtain. In the spring, the hay may be raked between the rows, making a cushion for the pickers during the season. This also prevents dirty berries.

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# SPECIALS

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Here are some collections which are fine for home gardens. You can do no better than to order one of these. We reserve the right to substitute if we are sold out of certain varieties.

## STRAWBERRY COLLECTION

### No. 1

|                      |   |                |
|----------------------|---|----------------|
| 50 Howard or Shelton | } | All for \$3.00 |
| 50 Dorsett           |   |                |
| 50 Aberdeen          |   |                |

## STRAWBERRY COLLECTION

### No. 2

|                       |   |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| 100 Howard or Shelton | } | All for \$5.00 |
| 100 Dorsett           |   |                |
| 100 Aberdeen          |   |                |

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## BUY WAR BONDS

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

No. 223

August 1, 1944

Office of State Entomologist

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
New Haven, Conn.

### **Nursery Inspection and Registration Certificate**

This is to Certify that S. E. Holdridge & Sons, of Norwich, Conn., has registered as a Nurseryman, that the nursery stock has been duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 265, of the Public Acts of 1925 (Sections 2135-2140, General Statutes, revision of 1930), and that it is apparently free from dangerously injurious insects and plant diseases. This certificate expires August 1, 1945.

R. B. FRIEND, State Entomologist.

M. P. ZAPPE, Deputy State Entomologist.